

11-55 A.M.

Election of Speaker

Mr. SPEAKER (SRI V. MASIVAPPA).—The next business before the House is election of Speaker. I call upon Sri M. Rajasekhara Murthy to move the motion.

Sri S. SHIVAPPA (Sravanabelagola).—On a point of procedure, Sir. What is the procedure adopted in arranging the priority for motions?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The order of priority is according to the order of receipt of the motions in the Office.

Sri S. SHIVAPPA.—If both are received on the same day, how is the priority determined?

Mr. SPEAKER.—By the time and hour at which the motions were received.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (T. Narsipur).—I beg to move:

“That Sri B. Vaikunta Baliga be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”

Sri M. C. BASAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—Sir, I second the motion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

“That Sri B. Vaikunta Baliga be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—I have got an objection. Under Rule 322 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assembly I request the Chair to suspend the operation of sub-rule (5) of Rule 7 and allow the members of this House to exercise their vote secretly.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The procedure is that it shall be done by a motion in the House. I cannot suspend the operation of this rule.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Rule 7 (5) says:

“The motions which have been moved and duly seconded shall be put one by one in the order in

which they have been moved and decided if necessary by division.”

Instead of pressing for a division I request the Chair to suspend the rule.

Sri S. R. KANTHI (Chief Minister).—May I point out that the procedure for the election of the Speaker is clearly laid down in the rules? When there is a specific provision, it has to be respected. The question of suspending the rule does not arise at all. To take a division in this respect is a different matter. To take a ballot is one thing and to take a division is something different. It is open to the Hon'ble Member to press for a division. The motion to elect a Speaker is to be treated just like any other motion.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—If the Leader of the Party in power had chosen to consult the Leader of the Opposition while making the choice, I think things would have been different. In the other States the Opposition is consulted before the election of the Speaker.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Mysore).—On a point of order, Sir. The Chair has already to given a ruling and on the ruling there can be no discussion.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—When the Leader of the House spoke after the Chair gave the ruling, my friend did not raise this point of order, but he raises this point of order only when I rise to speak. I do not know why my friend is in a hurry to raise points of orders.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—There was no scope for consultation at all. So far as the Leader of the Opposition is concerned I do not know whether the Leader of the Opposition has been recognised at all. The question of recognising the Leader of the Opposition comes in only when an application to that effect is received by the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I think the point has now been made clear. I have already given my ruling that the question of suspension of the rule does not arise.

The question is :

“That Sri B. Vaikunta Baliga be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”

Those who are in favour may say “Aye.”

(Several members said “Aye”.)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Those who are against it may say “Nay”.

(No voice)

The motion was adopted.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I press for a division.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no necessity to press for a division as nobody said “Nay”. I request the proposer Sri M. Rajashekara Murthy and the seconder Sri M. C. Basappa to conduct the Speaker to the Chair.

(Sri B. Vaikunta Baliga was conducted to the Speaker's Chair by Sri Rajashekara Murthy and Sri M. C. Basappa).

[SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA took the Chair].

Mr. SPEAKER.—The next item on the agenda is :

Sri S. Siddaiah to move :

“That Sri K. Lakkappa be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and Sri B. L. Gowda to second the motion.”

The question of moving the second motion does not arise in view of the earlier motion being moved and accepted by the House.

Felicitations to Speaker

Sri S. R. KANTHI (Chief Minister).—Sir, it is my proud privilege and honour to welcome you to the Chair. As you are well aware, I was occupying the Chair for a period of more than five years and today I find that I am occupying some other chair. In this House your chair occupies the highest place of

honour. It should command from every one of us the reverence and respect which is due to it. You are the guardian of the rights and privileges of the members. You are there not only to regulate the business of the House but also to maintain the decency and decorum of the House. You are party-less, faction-less and group-less and as such you will bring upon the discussions in this House an attitude of detachment which is very necessary to get through the heavy agenda before us. My experience in this House as Speaker has been varied. I learnt many lessons and I hope that you as an experienced politician—now you are no more a politician—will also have your own experience. Though, Legislative Assemblies in the States are almost of the same quality, the quality of the members differs in different Assemblies. You will find in this House old faces and new faces, carrying with them certain ideals and certain emotions and certain attitudes to life. In this Assembly you occupy the Chair and you are the judge. We have to obey the rules of procedure and your rulings. Sometimes, your rulings may be challenged, though not directly at least indirectly. You will have to bear with the idiosyncrasies of members, if there be any. You will have to be calm and patient. We chose you for the Chair because you have all these qualities. You have the quality of erudition, the quality of being calm, the quality of quick perception, and the quality of giving rulings and judgments on the spot. Before I conclude my speech, I put the garland of devotion, reverence and obedience. When I say this, I am sure every one in this House will agree with me. I am sure that in course of time we will be able to do much more business than what we are expected to do. The business of the House will sometimes be so heavy that we will have to sit longer hours and I am sure you will discharge your duties to the entire satisfaction of the House and the country.

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